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In re Patent Application of:  
Patrick Raugel

Application No.: 10/007,130

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For: HANDLING DEVICE FOR ACETABULAR  
BEARING LINER

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Dear Sir:

Note this amendment is filed with the Appeal Brief filed this date. In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-13 and 18-27, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: